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1. "The engineering battalions of the Soviet rifle divisions stationed in the Estonian SSR have now all been provided with:

- (a) Excavators of the types KV-2 or KV-3 which are operated like 'trailers' of caterpillar tractors or tanks. In one hour an excavator of the above types can dig 1-1.5 kilometers of trench of the following size:
- depth - 0.75 meters
  - width at the top - 0.5 meters
  - width at the bottom - 0.2 meters.

- (b) Many-shovelled excavators (mnogokovshevye Krasavokopatel'i) of the type MT-IV which can be adapted on caterpillar tractors. In one hour a many-shovelled excavator can dig up to 140 meters of deep connecting trenches of the following sizes:
- depth - up to 2 meters
  - width - 0.6-0.7 meters.

2. "These machines were introduced in the Soviet Army in 1952. By now [late 1953] most rifle divisions have been provided with them."

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